



'Snake' Riley Drafted by Minnesota Twins

by Dan Marusczeak Jr.

The suspense is over, and the excitement is done. Agawam's ace pitcher Mike "Snake" Riley was drafted last Tuesday by the Minnesota Twins, along with other star players throughout the country in this year's annual major league summer draft.

The 18 year-old, 6'7" righthanded hurler for the Brownies was the second round draft choice of the Twins, which assigned scout Packy Rogers to watch Riley throughout the season. The "Snake's" family, which resides at 32 Melrose Place in Agawam, received word of their son's drafting at approximately 2:55 Tuesday afternoon, when Riley was out at a Brownie practice session, readying himself for Wednesday's semi-final game against Chicopee Comp.

Although the Rileys were expecting their son to be drafted, the actual phone call confirming the draft came as a surprise in a way, according to Mrs. Marion Riley, the "Snake's" mother.

Riley said as she described her first reaction to the news of her son's drafting. "I'm just very happy for Mike, and that his dream has been fulfilled", she commented in the telephone interview.

She also added that Mike had wanted to become a big-league player since he was eight, when his father bought him his first baseball glove.

Packy Rogers scout for the Minnesota Twins which drafted Riley, told the Advertiser-News last Wednesday that the Twins organization will send the "Snake" to their rookie team at Elizabethton, Tenn. in the Appalachian League.

"From there, Mike will be advanced to the Midwest League, where our Wisconsin Rapids Single A team is located", Rogers explained. No further terms of the contract were discussed at the time.

The Twins' scout also commented that "any young player that can hit, field, or pitch with some sort of skill, our organization will take a look at him," he said referring to the process of

major league scouting.

Riley will report to the Elizabethton team this June 22, with the season coming to a close the last week of August.

According to a report in the Daily News, the Cincinnati Reds had Riley the 10th ranked player in the country for this year's summer draft. The Reds were another team out for the "Snake", and had him ready to draft next if the Twins did not obtain him in the draft. Cincinnati was 17th in the second round of the draft.

The scout that drafted Riley, Packy Rogers, was also the man that signed Joe Fay, who played with the Boston Red Sox in 1967. Rogers is also known for his excellent choices in the pitchers he recommends.

Riley's manager on his first pro team will be Fred Waters, who coached Rod Carew in 1964, while also doing a bit of playing himself with the Pittsburgh Pirates back in 1955-56.

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Mike 'Snake' Riley Route 57.. "Badly Needed" Say Residents

Over one hundred and fifty residents of Agawam as well as officials of both Agawam and Southwick turned out last week for the third public hearing held on the proposed Route 57 bypass. All but one of the several speakers backed the expansion and strongly urged the Commission to proceed on the project with all due haste.

State Representative Edward Connelly spoke out strongly for the completion of the highway because he said, the federal government, the state government, and the town of Agawam had all made commitments to the road in the form of fencing, lighting, and striping the highway. He voiced concern over the recent vote of the Joint Transportation Committee. The JTC voted earlier in the week against the draft negative declaration report which states that the proposed bypass will result in no significant environmental damage. The

committee feels that there is "a significant negative impact on the environment." The JTC also felt that the expense of \$12 million dollars was against the state's policy on urban development. Mr. Connelly stated that "we must not accept change at this point in time, on this piece of road."

Councilor Ken Barnes, Chairman of the Route 57 Committee, indicated that "we, in Agawam, have lived with this problem since 1959." He stated that "our children's lives are endangered" because of the heavy traffic flow from Southwick to downtown Springfield via Rte. 57 - over 14,000 cars travel through Feeding Hills center each day of the week, according to representatives of the State DPW.

Other town officials who spoke in favor of the bypass were Councilor John Bartnik, Acting Town Manager Edward Caba, Councilor Paul Paleologopolous, and

Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski.

Chmielewski told of the numerous accidents he has had to investigate on existing Route 57. Jesse Fuller, School Committee member, expressed her concern for the safety of the children of the town, and Arthur Kerr, Charter Commission member, indicated that the original road was built for the benefit of the residents of Springfield in case evacuation was necessary.

Southwick Selectman, Nachi Prifti, expressed concern for the future growth of Southwick after Route 57 was completed to the town line, but felt that the citizens of Southwick would cope. He indicated that "Agawam needs this extension, whether or not everyone wants to admit it. I support it..."

Several area residents, whose existing houses are in the way of the bypass extension wanted to know what time frame the Commission had in mind should approval be forthcoming. DPW Commissioner John Carroll indicated that the decision to extend the highway would take more time, and that it could possibly be three years before the start of construction. His comments received noisy disapproval from members of the audience who felt that they had waited too long as is.

Only speaker in opposition to the bypass was Joint Transportation Committee

McDonald's Winner



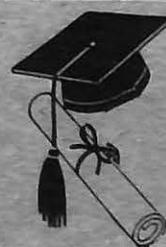
Danielle Beaulieu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Beaulieu of Feeding Hills was the grand prize winner in a drawing held by McDonald's restaurant in conjunction with a recent bike safety program held there. Shown above, from left, are: Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski, Agawam's Safety Officer; McDonald's representative Lori Simpson; Danielle with her prize, a Ronald McDonald Watch; and Maureen and Jack Beaulieu, Danielle's parents.

representative Terry Tournak. He stated that while his committee felt that some improvements were necessary to the existing highway, expansion would have a negative impact on the "human environment." Tournak also expressed the committees concern for the revitalization of downtown Springfield and said that the JTC felt that the \$12 million figure was unnecessarily high.

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Pictured at a recent reception for State Rep. Edward Connelly held at St. Anns Country Club are from left: Agawam Councilman Frederick Nardi, Mrs. Connelly, Connelly, and Agawam Town Clerk Edward Caba.
photo by Jack Devine

Immunization Needed for School Entrance

The School Immunization Law, a section of the Mass. General Laws, states that: "No child shall be admitted to school except on presentation of a physician's

certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against Diphtheria, Pertussis, (Whooping Cough), Tetanus, Measles, Polimyelitis, and such other

communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health."

Our School Nurses are actively trying to have the Agawam Schools comply with the mandate by sending reminders to parents and guardians to update their children's immunizations during the summer months. This September it will be necessary to have all children fully immunized or in the process of immunization for attendance in school. The Health Department urges parents to take care of this requirement as soon as possible.

Schedules for children not immunized in early infancy are:

1st visit DTP, TOPV under

6 yrs. and Td, TOPV over 6; 1 mo later Measles, rubella, mumps (MMR) (15 mos. or older) under 6 and Measles, rubella, mumps (MMR) over 6 years; 2 mos later DTP, TOPV under six, and TD, TOPV over six.; 4 mos later DTP under six.; 10-16 mos later or preschool DTP, TOPV under six and Td, TOPV over 6 years old

This schedule is offered by the Department of Public

Recommended immunization schedules for infants are:

2 mos. DTP, TOPV; 4 mos. DTP, TOPV; 6 mos DTP; 15 mos. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); 18 mos. DTP, TOPV; 4-6 years DTP, TOPV; 14-16 years Td (every 10 years)

DTP - Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine Absorbed.

Td - Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids absorbed (For Adult Use).

TOPV - Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine.

Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Meeting Room in the Agawam Town Hall.

Music Events for June

On Wednesday evening, June 14 an evening of music by string instruments will be held at the Middle School Auditorium. All of the students taught by Mrs. Dorothy Hegarty including elementary, Middle School, and Junior High String groups will perform.

On Wednesday evening, June 21 the All Star Recital by outstanding solos and small ensembles will take place at the Junior High School auditorium.

School Lunch Menus

AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Monday June 12 Pizza with cheese & hamburger topping, tossed salad with spinach greens and mayonnaise dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday June 13 Sliced turkey sandwich on roll, with lettuce and mayonnaise, fresh carrot sticks, apple sauce, chocolate wacky cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday June 14 Chilled lemonade, curly macaroni & hamburger in spaghetti sauce, cole slaw, buttered italian bread, dessert, milk.

Thursday June 15 Oven roasted chicken, steamed rice, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate pudding, whip topping, milk.

Friday June 16 Meat ball grinder with sauce, oven French fries, buttered niblet corn, ice cream cup, milk.

Monday June 19 Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, mustard and relish, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday June 20 Chilled lemonade, hamburger in roll with ketchup, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, cherry jello with whip topping, milk.

Wednesday June 21 Chilled orange juice, turkey salad sandwich in roll, buttered green beans, ice cream sandwich, milk.

Thursday June 22 Chilled lemonade, cold cut grinder in roll with lettuce and cheese, mustard and mayonnaise, buttered niblet corn, apple sauce, milk.

Friday June 23 1/2 day of school, no lunches served.

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street, Agawam, Mass.

June 12 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn salad, cherries.

June 13 Italian sausage, spanish rice, spinach, jello

June 14 Chicken fricassee in patty shells, lettuce, sheet cake.

June 15 Soup, rolls, cottage cheese with fruit, cookie.

June 16 Poached fish with lemon butter, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit.

June 19 Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, beet salad, apple pie.

June 20 Sheppards pie, lettuce, jello.

June 21 POLISH DINNER: SURPRISE!

June 22 Maccaroni with cheese and grilled wieners, stewed tomatoes, fresh fruit.

June 23 Baked fish, potato salad, broccoli, bavarian cream.

June 21 we will sponsor an oral (mouth) cancer clinic at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home. This is a quick, free and painless test nobody should pass up. Please sign up at the Senior Center, so we know how many to prepare for. We will offer transportation with our minibus for those who have no cars.

June 25, Sunday, we will have our "First Anniversary" party - it will be one year since we moved into the new Center. There will be a surprise dinner and professional entertainment afterwards, a real fun afternoon. Please get your tickets at the Center (Price \$2.50), no tickets will be sold at the door. We can accomodate only 200, since the entertaining group needs the other space. So don't wait too long!

Our trip to Hampton Beach is on June 27, Tuesday. Price is \$3.55 and we leave at 8:30 a.m. The first bus is already full.

On July 12 we will visit the Mountain Farm Mall in Hadley to see their "Senior Citizens Awareness Day" festivities. The merchants will offer a free lunch and there will be entertainment in the afternoon, a craft fair and health screening in the morning. Price only \$1.10. Where else can you have fun for that price?

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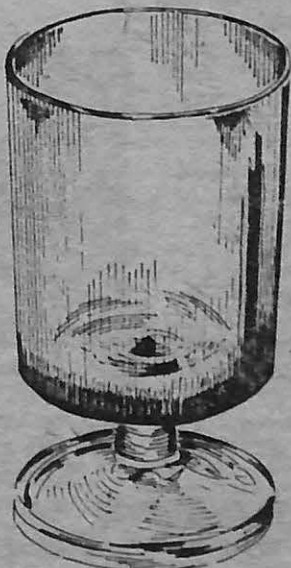
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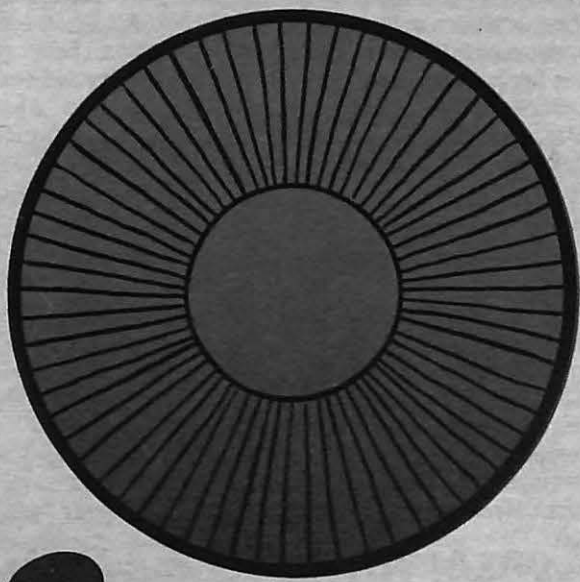
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Marcia Reed Weds James Hendricks

Miss Marcia R. Reed and James Powell Hendricks were married on May 27 in a noon ceremony at Union Meeting House, Storowton Village, West Springfield, with the Rev. Roger Barnet, Chaplain of Williston-Northampton School, Easthampton, Ma. officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Reed, of Agawam, was attended by Miss Donna Duclos and by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Belinda Reed. Mr. Hendricks was served by Robert Mansfield, of San Diego,

California. Ushering duties were performed by David E. Reed, both of the bride.

A reception was held at Storowton Tavern. The couple left for a wedding trip to Maine.

The bride, a graduate of Agawam High School and of the University of Massachusetts with a BFA degree, Cum Laude, will resume her teaching duties at Williston-Northampton School in the fall. Mr. Hendricks is Professor of Art at the University of Massachusetts. They will make their home in Florence, Mass.

Judges Announced for Arts & Crafts Festival

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is pleased to announce that Mrs. Laila Kain and Mrs. Barbara Clark will serve as judges for Agawam's Fourth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival to be held July 8th and 9th.

Laila Kain majored in Fine Arts at Middlebury College and worked in public television at Channel 2 in Boston before moving to the Springfield area. She has served as Curator of Education at the Museum of Fine Arts here in Springfield and is currently art critic for the Springfield Daily News.

Barbara Clark, of Granby, Mass., is best known for her quilting. Her quilts have been exhibited at the Wistariahurst Museum in

Holyoke, the Springfield Library, and the Granby Historical Society, as well as numerous fairs. She and her quilts have appeared on the "At Home with Kitty" show, and she has also taught quilting for a number of years.

This year's Arts and Crafts Festival will take place on the green in Agawam Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 8th, and from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 9th. Rain date will be the following weekend, July 15th and 16th. All those involved in fine arts and quality crafts are invited to participate in the Agawam Festival, and entry blanks may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Rita Bluteau, 172 North Street, Agawam.

Strawberry Supper

On Tuesday evening, June 20th in the Grange Hall at 47 No. West Street, Community Grange of Feeding Hills will serve a public strawberry supper. There will be two sittings, at 5 o'clock and 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Herbert Binns of

46 Kinsington St., Feeding Hills is taking reservations. (No. 786-4052) The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake and beverages. The public is invited to attend.

Conservation Commission

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet the 2nd & 4th Thur-

sdays in the Meeting Room in the Agawam Town Hall.

Garden Club to Meet

The Agawam Garden Club will meet June 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Alice Moore will talk on Herbs, their history, culture and uses. Come have fun and try tasting different herb food.

There will be a plant swap.

Kinnell-Goudreau Wedding Celebrated



Mrs. Françoise Goudreau

Miss Holly R. Kinnell and Françoise Goudreau exchanged marriage vows on May 27th, 1978 at Sacred Heart Church in Agawam with Rev. Burns officiating.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinnell of Agawam was attended by Dori Chmielewski as matron of honor with Holly's sisters Mrs. Connie McKinney and Valerie Kinnell as bridesmaids.

Mr. Goudreau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goudreau of Chicopee was served by his brother-in-law Gilles Benoit as best man. Performing duties as ushers were Michael Wollmer-shauser and Greg Conliffe.

A reception was held at the Collosevm. The couple left for a wedding trip to Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

Mottle Receives Masters

Frederick V. Mottle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil G. Mottle, 65 Forest Road, Agawam, received his Master of Science in Taxation at Commencement ceremonies at Bentley College in Waltham June 3. Mr. Mottle is a graduate of

West Springfield High School and Western New England College. He is currently Audit Review Manager at the Worcester office of Main LaFrentz & Co., certified public accountants.

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Fathers Day Bake Sale

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will honor Fathers' Day with a Bake Sale after the two Masses on Saturday, June 17, and after the 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock Masses on Sunday, June 18. Chairperson for this event is Mary Spinelli. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Agawam Friendly's to Reopen

The Agawam Friendly restaurant will reopen its doors for business on Tuesday, June 13, 1978 at 7:00 a.m. in the Agawam Shopping Center.

The newly-rennovated and expanded Friendly will be open 7:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. In addition to a full breakfast menu served daily until 11:00 a.m., menu offerings will include entrees, platters, sandwiches, a line of "Friendly Waistline Watchers" selections, a special "Kid Stuff" menu for children under twelve, and a complete line of ice cream desserts. Carry-out service will be available in addition to packaged Friendly ice cream for home consumption.

With an increased seating capacity for 145 patrons, the



Winners of the V.F.W.'s Memorial Day Poster Contest "What Memorial Day Means to Me" are pictured with representatives of the Post. From left: John McCarthy, Post member; Laura DeSantis, first place winner; Karen Wesley, third place winner; Colin Wells, Honorable Mention; Connie Hunter, second place winner; Tricia Noonan, Honorable Mention, and Harold Channel, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee.

photo by Jack Devine

restaurant will now employ approximately 80 area people. Applications are still being taken for some positions. The interior color scheme of navy blue and rust is enhanced with "taverner" chandeliers, teak-colored paneling and colonial-patchwork wall decor.

Mr. Kenneth Rieck, former manager-trainee of the Boston Road Friendly, has been named Manager of the Agawam restaurant. Mr. Rieck started his career with Friendly Ice Cream Corporation in 1970 after graduating from STCC with a degree in Accounting. He and his wife Susan live in Springfield.

Friendly, founded in 1935 by S. Prestley and Curtis L. Blake, currently owns and operates over 600 restaurants in 17 states.

Great Books Discussion

The Agawam Public Library is conducting a Great Books Discussion group on every other Thursday night at the Agawam Center Library. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about 2 hours. The material to be read and discussed is available at the

Center Library. There are a few openings in the group and anyone interested should contact the Library. The next meeting will be June 15th and the story to be discussed is "The Temptation of Jack Orkney" by Doris Lessing.

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JUNE 13, 1978
7:30 P.M.

Agawam Garden Club
Captain Charles Leonard House

JUNE 15, 1978

Great Book Discussion Group
7:30 P.M.
Agawam Center Public Library

JUNE 17, 1978

Junior Grange Carnival
12 Noon - 4 P.M.
Grange Home
West Street, Feeding Hills

JUNE 17 & 18

Fathers' Day Bake Sale
After the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
Rosary Altar Society
Sacred Heart Church
Feeding Hills

JUNE 20, 1978

Public Strawberry Supper
5:00 and 6:30 P.M.
Community Grange Hall
North West St., Feeding Hills

JUNE 23, 1978

Agawam Policeman's Ball
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Editorials

Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

On May 31, 1978, the Agawam Board of Appeals granted a variance for Mrs. D's Country Store on Southwick St.

During the past weeks, through a hearing and many articles via the and the press, the pros and cons have been discussed at length. Everything imaginable has come to light while the real issue remains clouded. It is a case of zoning - period! It is also being treated as a current issue. This writer has been involved in hearings dating back to 1967. In 1965, prior to the purchase of our property, we made inquiries into the future of the then closed garage. We were told by the chairman of the Planning Board that it would no doubt revert to an A 2 status and there was no possible chance of a spot zoning situation.

The findings of the Board of Appeals covers some 6 pages. The meeting convened at 2 p.m. and concluded about 2:21 p.m. Several points should be brought to light both about this meeting and the issue in general. For the sake of length alone, I believe enumeration will suffice.

1. This meeting took about 21 minutes, yet, a 6 page finding was filed with the town clerk's office some 40 minutes later at 3:04 p.m. If indeed this decision was made at the time of this meeting, how could such a lengthy paper be typed and filed so soon? There are 17 articles in the Board's findings. At least 6 of these were never discussed at this time. How then, could they become part of the final findings based on this meeting?

2. Attorney Allen stated he had prepared 10 conditions for and against the variance. He was asked to read the 10 conditions for the variance and did so. Following this, a brief discussion was held and several points further explained.

After this, a vote was taken. The conditions or points against the variance were never read and are still unknown. The former are incorporated as part of the Board's findings.

3. Article 9 of the finding states that the building because of its structure and lot size cannot be used for a residence. Nowhere have I seen the fact stated that Mr. Cavanaugh offered to buy the property from the then owners at no financial loss to them. His intention was to use the building as a 2 car garage and extend his year in back. This same article states there are other commercial activities in this neighborhood such as vegetable stands and farm produce stands. The only such stand in this area is a producing farm about ½ mile East where a seasonal stand is maintained. This is allowed under Article VI

Sec. 20-34 (b) of the Towns Zoning by-laws which is Agricultural Zoning not Commercial.

4. The fact that the store was purchased as such in good faith seems a bit one sided as we also purchased our property in good faith when we were told no spot zoning could exist as previously stated.

5. The traffic problem cited was to be treated as a police matter. The extra hazzard of a store only seven feet from Rte 57 seemed to be glossed over. Interestingly enough 8 days later on June 8, 1978 at the Rte 57 public hearing, one Board member expounded on the seriousness of the present Rte 57 traffic problem and heartily encouraged Commissioner Carroll and other state personnel present to proceed with the new highway as soon as possible.

I am sure I could go on and cite more points I question. However, I am not sure it would matter anymore than it has to date. The fact that a point was made at the May 10th hearing that a decision would be based on legality not the heart seems trite now.

If the "Price of liberty is Eternal Vigilance" a common mis-phrasing of "The conditions upon which God has given liberty to man is Eternal Vigilance" (John Philpot Curran 1750) is true, then how long will it take the people of Agawam to realize their individual liberties are being imposed upon.

Marilyn Curry

To the Editor

As an Agawam resident and voter, I am greatly disturbed by efforts within the Charter Commission and by an article that appeared recently in the Springfield Daily News concerning a proposal to change the initiative petition requirements as they now exist in the present charter.

Article Eight of the existing charter permits ten percent of the voters to initiate a referendum vote. Those who oppose this provision argue that it has worked to the benefit of special interest groups and to the detriment of the majority. I strongly disagree.

The cornerstone of a democratic society is the voice of the people. If the voters feel that their government has not acted wisely or has failed to act, then concerted action to attempt to alter the situation is the right, even the duty, of the citizens. This basic right should not be obstructed or discouraged by changes which would make initiative petition useless and impossible by increasing the required percentage to an unreasonably high figure.

Those critics of the ten percent requirement for initiative petition argue that special elections are costly and not definitive of the majority viewpoint. When

compared to legal fees that have been expended by the town to fight court battles over political issues that decided by referendum vote, the price tag of a special election amounts to a bargain. As far as expressing the will of the majority, a ten percent vote or twenty percent vote would not make a substantial difference. Perhaps low voter turnout is due to apathy or lack of publicity by opponents and proponents. If voters elect to stay home on the day of a special election, they have in effect cast their ballots.

I suggest that Agawam retain the present ten percent requirement for citizens' initiative petitions. Any upward revision of this percentage would be detrimental to the democratic process. In addition, to require an arbitrary percentage of voters in a special election to make the election binding serves no useful purpose but to frustrate citizens seeking redress.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this subject.

Rene P. Thomas

To the Editor:

Now that the voters of Agawam have expressed their desires in the recent Referendum Election, it is time to get down to business and stop playing games. Officers of the Citizens for Good Government were informed and questioned about a complaint filed with the Agawam Police Dept., by Ed Caba, Agawam Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters, charging election irregularities. Since it appears that Mr. Caba, one of the former Directors, is the only one to publicly question the fliers which the Citizens for Good Gov't. have allegedly distributed, it would in my opinion seem to indicate conflict of interest on his part. I'm certain by losing his Directorship that he would find it necessary to try to discredit the organization responsible. An organization I might add that is made up of taxpayers concerned about Agawam and its future and who, to the best of my knowledge, have no connection with the Town through employment or otherwise and therefore have nothing personal to gain.

"I feel the time has come when the citizens of the Town should be told the truth. The bargaining and the deals should be laid aside and the elected and appointed officials should put their efforts into working for the best interests of the Town and the taxpayers and not for their own personal gain."

In the recent campaign, Town Treasurer repeatedly has stated his salary to be \$21,970 and that to take the salary of Director he would be taking a \$1,900 decrease in pay. In a signed statement from the Town Accountant, his salary is \$18,506, so in reality he would be receiving an increase of some \$1,500. The Treasurer's figure of \$21,970 would be correct I believe, if he were to be paid some \$3,400 for Supervisor of

Data Processing. A salary which the previous Council in their wisdom refused to authorize payment of via the defeat of an ordinance pertaining to that position. Therefore legally he cannot receive this salary.

The Manager and other top Town officials have claimed the Reorganization Plan has been in effect for the past three years. This again is a fallacy. It was 1974 when the former Manager first submitted this Plan which was soundly defeated by an 11-3 vote of the Council. Two years later 1976, with only one or two very minor changes the former Manager re-submitted the same Plan. After much controversy, vote switching and bomb scares etc. it narrowly passed the Council with an 8-7 vote. It was, I believe in mid 1977 that Reorganization was finally implemented.

At the risk of sounding repetitious the major concern of the organization is: What is best for the community as a whole?" When we were presented with what has to be an expensive plan, which lacked job descriptions or qualifications required to hold a Directorship, plus an unjustified cost factor and because of the Council's action and lack of action, we felt we had no alternative but to seek legal action which resulted in a court suit. Early in the case the Judge warned that if Reorganization were implemented and the Directors appointed that it would be done so at the peril of the Manager, because he (the judge) could at any time rule the plan out or have it put before the people via a special election. As you are aware a Referendum election was the route the judge took, thereby allowing you, the taxpayers, to have a voice in the expenditure of your tax dollars."

I hope the organization will grow and continue to work and represent the people of Agawam in an unbiased and neutral manner, keeping the citizens aware of what is going on.

Joseph Tortoriello
President, Citizens for
Good Government

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin

For lack of space in this edition, I will keep my comments brief and to the point.

I urge the DPW commissioners to proceed with all due haste on the proposed Route 57 Bypass. The people of Agawam have spoken—they want the bypass. The safety of the residents must be the prime consideration.

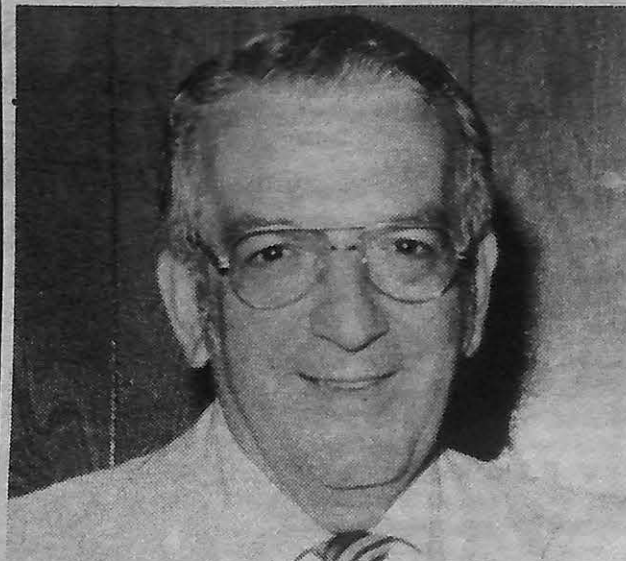
The need is obvious. The opposition arguments are weak and self-centered.

Agawam residents know what is best for their town—they have waited long and patiently but time is running out. The present situation is becoming unbearable.

Commissioners—our safety and that of our children are in your hands. I urge you—proceed!



Frederick Nardi



Precinct 1

Councilor Frederick Nardi has been active in Agawam town politics for a number of years, holding such positions as Selectman, Chairman of the Board of Health, and member of the Board of Public Welfare for the state of Massachusetts.

Nardi commented that he likes the present Council/Manager form of government wherein the top official (manager) is appointed. He said he felt that a "qualified person" is needed in the position, and that elections have a habit of turning into popularity contests. Nardi also noted that while the selectmen were dedicated, they were only "part-timers who had a lot of responsibility." He stated that "we (selectmen) didn't have the time necessary to work at it."

Feeling that a fifteen member Council may be a little "unwieldy", Nardi noted that he would prefer a nine member Council, voted at large but representing the precincts. He said that an at-large candidate would really have to get "exposure", and make himself known to a large number of residents.

Calling the present Route 57 "really a mess", Nardi stressed the importance of the proposed expansion of the road for the good of the town, and the safety of the citizens.

Nardi is Senior Vice President and General Manager of Sweet Life Foods. He and his wife, Dorothea, an English teacher at Agawam High School, live on North Street in Feeding Hills.

Obituaries

GERALD J. FRASCO

Gerald J. Frasco, 39, of 40 Horsham Place, a self-employed builder, died Tuesday in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 11 years and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and was a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks No. 2174 and the Agawam Sno-Riders. He leaves his wife, Judith (Schindler) Frasco; two sons, Gerald J. Jr. and James, both at home; a daughter, Christine, at home; his stepmother, Alice Frasco of West Springfield; three brothers, David, Ronald and Jeffery, all of West Springfield; a sister, Gail Frasco of West Springfield; and his grandmother, Mary Frasco of West Springfield. His parents were the late Augustine and Elsie (Borgatti) Frasco. The funeral will be Thursday at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Springfield Street

Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Providence Hospital coronary unit.

PHILIP A. ZOPPI

Philip A. Zoppi, 63, of West Hartford, Conn., formerly of Agawam, died Sunday in Hartford Hospital. Born in Scranton, Pa., he lived here before moving to West Hartford 20 years ago. For eight years he was station manager of radio station WACE in Chicopee. Before that he was general manager and vice president of radio station WPOP, Newington, Conn. Mr. Zoppi was a member of the board of directors of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Chicopee Rotary International. He leaves his wife, the former Adeline Stanley; a son, James P. and a daughter, Nancy, all of West Hartford; three brothers, Michael, Gerald and Albert, and five sisters, Gracey Babson, Antoinette Aria, Katherine Robbins, Lillian Digeronino and Beatrice Alberto, all of Long Branch, N.J.; and a

grandson. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at the Richard W. Sheehan funeral home, and in St. Brigid Church, both in West Hartford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

LUIGI CAPUTO

Luigi Caputo, 90, of 50 Day St., retired employee of the Springfield Water Department, and formerly for the Maynard Coal Co., Springfield, died Wednesday in a local nursing home. Born in Italy, he lived in Agawam 76 years and was a member of the Holy Name Society of Feeding Hills. He leaves a son, Edward P. of West Springfield; three daughters, Marianne S. Murphy and Rose P. Shea, both of Springfield and Josephine E. Rosso of Agawam; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday at Frank M. Forastiere and Sons Funeral Home and in Mount Carmel Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all of Springfield.



Frank Sasaroni (left) receives plaque containing his "tools of the trade" from fellow worker Dick Del Barbara.
photo by Jack Devine

Policemen's Ball Slated

The Agawam Police Department will hold its thirty fifth annual Policemen's Ball on June 23, 1978 at Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:30 and dancing to the music of "Summer Breeze" from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The affair will be semi-formal.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the Police station, or from any Police officer.

Ekstedt Joins Fraternity

Karl Ekstedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Edstedt of 30 Briarcliff Drive, Feeding Hills has joined Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is the world's largest college general fraternity with over 300 active chapters on college and university campuses in the United States and Canada.

In addition to social development, TKE offers programming and activities in management, leadership training, public service, as well as various regional and international leadership conferences.

Over 14,000 college men actively participate in TKE chapters today, and a total of 115,000 men have become members of TKE since the fraternity's founding in 1899.

Fitchburg Graduates

Miss Brenda Devine and Miss Lori Rachi, both of Agawam, recently received degrees from Fitchburg State College at commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 4.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Joseph P. Hannon, superintendent of schools for the Chicago public school system.

Miss Devine, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Devine of Campbell Drive received a bachelor of science in nursing.

Miss Raschi, daughter of Raymond and Janice Raschi received a bachelor of Science in biology.

Both girls are graduates of Agawam High.



Jodine St. John Leahy and Brenda Devine of Agawam, are pictured after recent graduation ceremonies at Fitchburg State College.
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Sasaroni Retirement Party

Mr. Frank Sasaroni of Agawam was recently feted at a retirement party held at the Silver Carriage Inn. Mr. Sasaroni has been employed for the Town of Agawam Department of Public Works for the past twenty years.

Over one hundred people were present to honor Mr. Sasaroni who also recently retired from the Auxiliary Police unit after thirty years of service.

One of the many gifts Sasaroni received was a plaque on which were chrome plated "tools of the trade" used by the DPW to clean sewers.

A large cake depicting the various town offices was

Sr. Lifesaving Course

Senior Lifesaving will be offered at the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA beginning Monday, June 12th.

The four week program will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

For more registration information, call the YMCA at 739-6951.

made by Sasaroni's step-daughter was a highlight of the party.

Sasaroni and his wife Evelyn have five children and nine grandchildren.

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Agawam Graduates 344 Students

Friends and relatives filled the Eastern States Coliseum on Friday, June 2, as Agawam High's three hundred and forty-four seniors received their diplomas amid the usual "pomp and circumstance."

Dr. Ernest J. Cannava, Superintendent of Schools was guest speaker, and the Commencement Address was given by Mark R. Paleologopoulos, President of the Agawam High School's National Honor Society.

The diplomas were awarded to the seniors by Mrs. Venetta Snyder, Chairperson of the School Committee, who was assisted by Assistant Principals David Bates and

John Morrissey.

Officers for the class of 1978 were: Rosemary Ann Scibelli, President; Diana Lynn Hardina, Vice President; Antonette Marie Contrino, Secretary; and Tina Marie Gravel, Treasurer. Junior Class Marshals for the ceremonies were Jennie Lynn Theodorowicz and Randolph B. Young.

Fifty three percent of the graduating seniors are planning to attend some institution of higher learning. Twenty four percent will enter the job market, three percent are entering the service, and the remaining twenty percent are undecided.



Agawam High Class of



The Class of '78

photo by Jack Devine

Scholarships and Awards

This years graduating class at Agawam High School, numbering 344 students, received at total of approximately \$47,000 in scholarship monies. The following is a list of scholarship winners which was announced at last Fridays graduation ceremonies.

BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Ronald Clifford Dutton
Thomas Kevin Harkins
Antonio Joseph Pezzimenti
John David Plante
Scott Alan Raymond
Brian Donald Rheault
Michael Henry Riley
Robert J. Stone
Paul Patrick Tangredi
Thomas Andre Welch

AGAWAM BOYS' BASKETBALL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thomas Kevin Harkins
John David Plante
Scott Alan Raymond
Michael Henry Riley

GRIDIRON MOMS SCHOLARSHIP

William Paul Gonet
James Michael Marmo
Roger Mason
Salvatore John Morassi, Jr.
Leonard G. Peltier
Antonio Joseph Pezzimenti
Anthony Dean Saracinoi
Robert J. Stone
Edward Paul Swiderski
Thomas Andre Welch

AGAWAM HOCKEY PARENTS CHOLARSHIPS

Manning Stewart Case, Jr.
John Norbert DeMont
Ronald Clifford Dutton
James Sibilia
Paul Patrick Tangredi
David Ernest Vanasse
John Ronald Wagner, Jr.
Lawrence Albert White, Jr.
Marc A. Yacovone

AGAWAM SOCCER MOMS SCHOLARSHIPS

Gladys Stella Ayala
Catherine Mary Boyle
Maureen Louise Conroy
Mauro M. DiClementi, Jr.
Ralph Carew Gates
Da
Diana Lynn Hardina
Lisa Kamyk
Joellen Mary LeGrand
Timothy Francis Scanlon
Karen M. Tyburski
Jose M. Vazquez

WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Joseph E. Cignoli
John G. Graveline
Roger Mason
Salvatore John Morassi, Jr.
Antonio Joseph Pezzimenti
Brian Donald Rheault
Robert J. Stone

AGAWAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

Laura Ann Moirano
John David Plante

AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Linda Sue Catchepaugh

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Diane Louse Burgamaster
Marissa Lucia Tangredi

MARY STELLATO NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Marissa Lucia Tangredi

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Laura Ann DeMusis
Janet J. May
Debra Ann Santini

AGAWAM UNICO SCHOLARSHIPS

Antonette Marie Contrino
Laura Ann DeMusis
Lee-Ann Mercadante
ZLauria Ann Moirano
Philomena Marie Napoli
Patricia Ann Quill
Joellen Secondo
Paul Patrick Tangredi

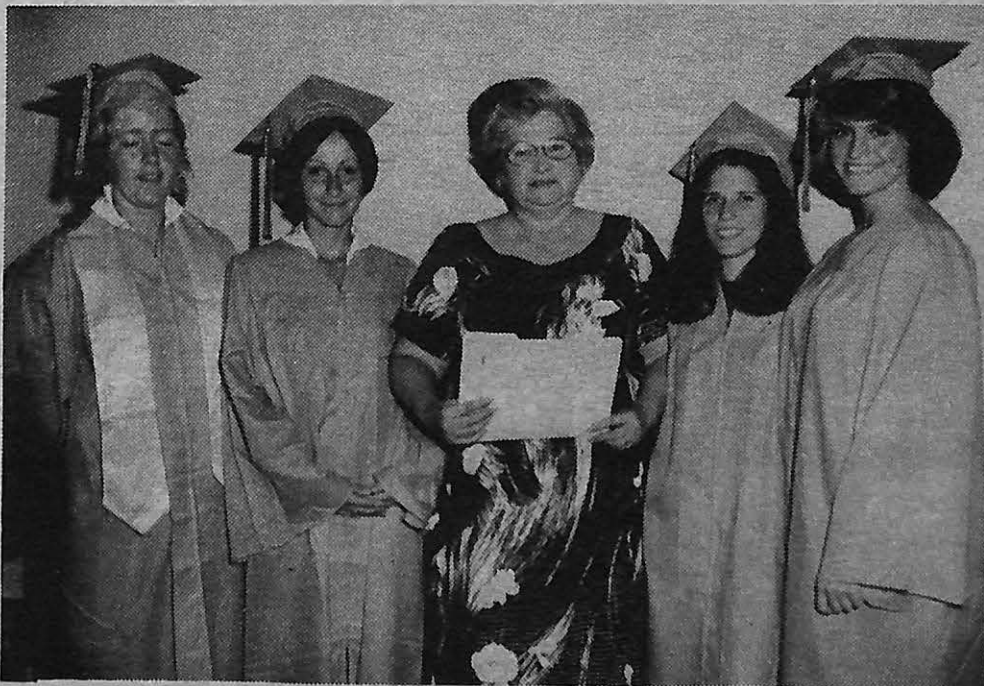
Alan G. Abbey, Julie Anne Adams, Patricia Mary Albano, Michael Frank Allesandri, Susan Elizabeth Alexander, Lisa Marie Amabile, Sharon Ida Andrichak, Chris Armand, Bruce C. Atwater, Colleen Avery, Gladys Stella Ayala T., Corry James Babcock, Valerie Ann Balboni, Joseph Gregory Baldarelli, Mary Elizabeth Ball, Juanita Gale Ballantine, Wanda Dale Ballantine, Lynn Ann Bardsley, Lawrence E. Barker, Deborah Ann Barnes, Allan Mark Beane, Darryl Scott Beane, George J. Beauchane, Mary Anne Benedict, Audrey Elizabeth Benson, Lauren Claire Benson, Damaris Ann Berkey, Vincent Anthony Bertrand, Patricia Eileen Bianchi, Mark Bigda, Stephen Irving Bonesteel, Shelley Marie Borgatti, Victor Anthony Bortolussi, Gary Joseph Bouchard, Valerie J. Bouchard, Joanne Marie Boucher, John Raymond Bourbonnais, Catherine Mary Boyle, Donna Marie Bozek, Wndyann Brantley, Jeffrey J. Breton, Alice Mary Bouchard Briggs, Elsie Ann Brindle, Laurie Ann Brock, Paul Bernard Brodeur, Neil M. Brown, Rebecca Lynn Brown, Robert Eugene Brown, Jr., Sharyn Elizabeth Brown.

Also Lisa Marie Brozini, Donna Ann Brusseau, Nancy Louise Brusseau, Mary Rose Bull, Diane Louise Burgamaster, Jane Alison Burgess, Daniel J. Burns, Gregory Alan Burns, Paulo Roberto Calcagnotto, Danny Ray Campurciani, Carmela Anna Caputo, Janice Marie Caramazza, David Francis Caroleo, Manning Stewart Case, Jr., Seven Henry Castelli, Linda Sue Catchepaugh, Stephen Michael Ceccarini, Victor Ralph Cestari, Lori Ann Chandler, Marion Elizabeth Chapman, Theresa Anne Cheslawski, Steven A. Chesley, Suzanne Chicoine, Allyn Kimberly Childs, SueAnn Marie Christian, Joseph E. Cignoli, Diane Marie Circosta, Michael Lloyd Clark, Marc Colcombe, Kelly J. Commee, Rhonda Lee Comforte, Christine Ann Cone, John Thomas Cone, Carol Ann Conlon, Maureen Louise Conroy, Timothy James Lori A. Craig, Dennis James

Consedine, Antonette Marie Contrino, Cynthia Marie Cormier, Dominick Joseph Cortese, Jeffrey Allen Cosenzi, John Henry Cosimini, Paul G. Couture, Creamer, Derek Edward Cruickshank, Deborah June Cullins, Kathleen Elizabeth Cummings, Stehphen Anthony Czerpak, Kurt Joseph Dahdah.

Also Kathleen D'Alma, Thomas Jerome DeCosmo, John Norbert DeMont, Laura Ann DeMusis, Ellen Lynn DeRosie, Steven M. Desmond, Mauro M. DiClementi, Jr., Sharon Rose Dimino, Michael Joseph Donovan, Teresa Marie Donovan, Cheryl Ann Dowling, Tomothy A. Drane, Mitchell Frank Drewnowski, Thomas A. Drewes, Ruth Elaine Dubour, Daniel T. Duffy, Jeffrey J. Duggan, Lauren Elizabeth Dunn, Ronald Clifford Dutton, Katherine R. Eagan, William Jeffrey Elliott, Loretta May Farber, Lisa Marie Fenton, Paula Jean Ferguson, Stephen Vincent Ferrero, Robert William Fiedler, Michael Andrew Folini, Nancy Jean Fontaine, Catherine Marie Foote, Timothy Joseph Forgues, Cindy J. Frappier, Steven Winslow French, Lisa A. Frigo, Karen Lee Garnder, Ralph Carew Gates, Christine Ruth Gaudreault, Helen Danie Gaudreault, Dennis John Gaynor, Alan Ray Geddis, Maria Anne Germano, Sandra Jean Ghidoni, Douglass James Godet, Linda Ann Godet, William Paul Gonet, Nancy Theresa Gormley, Vincent Roland Govoni, Frank Gramolini, Pamela Lee Grasso, Tina Marie Gravel.

Also Wayne Scott Graves, John G. Graveline, John Rocco Greguoli, Sally Anne Griffin, Peter Michael Grimaldi, Mark Raymond Guarnieri, Roberta Ann Guiel, Mary Laurie Hamel, Diana Lynn Hardina, Thomas Kevin Harkins, Marcy K. Harris, Therese Marie Hart, Thomas Scott Hart, Andrew Arthur Hastings, Laurie Ann Hebert, Kristine Mary Henson, Nancy Anne Heywood, Claudia Jane Bilbig, James David Hill, Janet Rose Houle, Judith Ann Housand, Deborah Marie Howe, Jeffrey Scott Howe, David A. Hudson,



Recipients of the Women's Division of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Scholarships from Agawam are pictured with Ruth Zucco, scholarship chairman for the Division. Left to right they are: Barbara Landers, Patti Bianchi, Ruth Zucco, Laura Moirano, and Tina Gravel.

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Also Kathleen Mary Lund, Mary Katherine Mackintosh, Robert James Mahoney, Daniel Joseph Mahue, Susan M. Manning, Raymond Frederick Margosiak, Laurie E. Marino, James Michael Marmo, Susan Lori Masciotra, Roger Mason, Janet J. May, Paul Allen Maynard, William Thomas McLellan, Robert Jeffrey Meehan, Darcy Marie Mercadante, Lee-Ann Mercadante, Lisa-Ann Mercadante, Ernest Ronald Mesick, Alden Lewis Miller, Warren Louis Miodowski, Christine Marie Misisco, Laura Ann Moirano, Jean Moore, Salvatore John Morassi, Jr., Eileen Moriarty, Sheila Moriarty, Kevin L. Muldrew, Dorothea Louise Murphy, Eugene Joseph Murphy, Janet Louise Murray, Robert Nahajlo, Philomena Marie Napoli, Ronald R. Napolitan, Cheryl Nardi, Susan Marie Newell, Gina Marie Nicora, Barbara Ann Niemiec, Barbara Jean Nunziato, Wendy Marie Ober, Mark David Olson, Daniel James O'Neil, Caren Ann Ouellette, Julie Ann Quimet, Timothy David Oxx, Carolyn Jean Pacewicz, Sheldon Scott Page, Mark Richard Paleologopoulos, Douglas Edward Paquette, Cynthia Lee Parent.

Also Karen Elizabeth Patino, Thomas Henry Paul, Leonard G. Peltier, Maria Angela Persico, Antonio Joseph Pezzimenti, Mary Frances Piquette, Donald Joseph Pisano, James Andrew Pisano, John David Plante, Mark Anthony Pleva, Robin Marie Pleva, Tammie Poulos, Nancy Jean Pren-

tice, Leo Stephen Pronovost, R. Mark Proulx, Debra Jean Provoist, Carl Theodore Psholka, Jr., Kenneth Alton Quigley, Patricia Ann Quill, Scott Alan Raymond, Maureen Thresa Rego, Glenn A. Rennell, Lisa Marie Rex, Brian Donald Rheault, Albert Robert Richard, Jr., Jeffrey Pitman Richardson, Ronald John Richter, Michael H. Riley, Michael Henry Riley, Kenneth Paul Roberts, Mark James Rolland, Anthony Joseph Rondoletto, Craig Michael Rovelli, Ralph E. Rozell, Victor J. Rufo, Vivian Marie Russo, Dawn Ellen Sanders, Anthony Robert Santinello, Debra Ann Santini, Sheileen Regina Sapelli, Anthony Dean Saracino, Timothy Francis Scanlon, Debra Ann Schebel, Rosemary Ann Scibelli, Lorraine Joyce Scoville, Joellen Secondo, Lisa Marie Settle, Brian Edward Shaw, James Sibilila.

Also David Gordon Silvernail, Lori Ann Simpson, Stephen Robert Smith, Cynthia Louise Spring, Daniel J. Stachowicz, Rebecca Lynn Steele, Anne Victoria Stevens, Robert J. Stone, Cynthia Louise Sulborski, Linda Jean Sullivan, John James Sweeney, Jr., Edward Paul Swiderski, Marissa Lucia Tangredi, Paul Patrick Tangredi, Debra Ann Teal, Barry Lee Telford, Steven J. Tencati, Teresa Ann Tenerowicz, Ralph E. Thresher, Eric John Timms, Maryann Helen Tinnemeyer, Gail Alexandra Toczko, Richard J. Toomey, Carlene Marie Torcivia, Diane E. Torcivia, Lisa Ann Torre, Maureen Ann Trempe, Linda Marie Turrini, Karen M. Tyburski, David Ernest Vanasse, Wayne W. Van Newenhoven, Jose M. Vazquez, Lisa Marie Villeneuve, Nancy Jean Vinesett, Thomas James Vogel, John Ronald Wagner, Jr., Kenneth C. Walker, Geraldine Mary Waniewski, Janet Louise Webb, Thomas Andre Welch, Megan Sarah Westman, Lawrence Albert White, Jr., Laurie J. Whitney, Carl M. Wiley, Patricia Lisa Wilson, Antoinette Wojnarowicz, Andrew John Wojnicki, Jr., Jacques Wesley Wood, Lynn Marie Wysocki, and Marc A. Yacovone.



Ruth Zucco, Secretary of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, left and David Skolnik, past president of that organization, present scholarship awards to Joellen Secondo, second from left and Marion Chapman.

photo by Jack Devine

Scholarships and Awards

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB AND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Mark Bigda
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Carolyn Jean Paceqicz
Daniel J. Stachowicz
Gail Alexandra Toczko
Thomas James Vogel
Lynn Marie Wysocki

TRESTLE BOARD CLUB OF AGAWAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Thomas A. Drewes
Ralph Carew Gates

COMMUNITY GRANGE NO. 382 SCHOLARSHIPS

Tina Marie Gravel
Craig Michael Rovelli

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Joellen Secondo

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Barbara Ann Niemiec

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The Agawam Police Wives Association presented their scholarships recently to Agawam High Seniors. Pictured from left are: First - Barbara Ann Landers, Second - Pamela Jean King, Third - Pres. Theresa Lamson Fourth - Shelley Marie Borgatti.

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Scholarships & Awards

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into Special Education - In Memory of Anne Sullivan - Philomena Marie Napoli; and Agawam Food Mart - Highest Academic Averages for Boys and Girls - Thomas A. Drewes and Janet Louise Webb.

McCollum

HCC Graduate

Janet McCollum, of Agawam, was among fifty-six nursing students at Holyoke Community College, Class of 1978, who were awarded nursing pins in a program held in the HCC Forum recently, according to Mrs. Edith Reinisch, chairman of the health-related division at the College.

Principal speaker was James Schelfhaudt, a member of the nursing class itself; Sister Marita Callahan of the HCC nursing staff delivered the invocation; and HCC President David Bartley presented greetings.

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Stuart Receives ROTC Honors



Harold C. Stuart

Harold C. Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. Stuart of Agawam, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force recently, in ceremonies held at the University of Mass., Amherst.

Stuart received a bachelor's degree in political science. At the ceremonies he was presented with the Air Force ROTC Honors Ribbon for academic excellence; the AFROTC Outstanding Leadership Ribbon, the American Defense Preparedness

Association, and the AFROTC Superior Performance Ribbon.

Stuart has been assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, as a missile launch officer.

Katherine Marieb Graduates

Katherine Marieb, formerly a resident of Feeding Hills, the daughter of Fredrick and Victoria Marieb of 9 Mooreland St., Feeding Hills, graduated on May 27, 1978 from New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, N.H. with an Associate Degree in Science with a major in Nursing. Miss Marieb graduated with Highest Honors and was a member of the Honor Society for the duration of her attendance at the Institute. She resides in Concord, N.H. with her two teenage daughters. Miss Marieb has subsequently been employed at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H., as a graduate nurse.

Eileen Leask Graduates

Mrs. Eileen Leask of Agawam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otto, 21 River Street, Agawam, has graduated from Holyoke Community College with an Associate in Secretarial Science degree.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Mrs. Leask was a dean's list student at Holyoke.

Judy Juzba Scholarships Awarded

Three recent Agawam High School graduates will receive the Judy Juzba Scholarship awards which will total \$550. The scholarship was founded in the memory of the late Judy Juzba of Agawam, who was an active member in the Agawam Hockey Association.

The scholarship recipients are: Ronald Dutton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Dutton of 535 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Mr. Dutton will be attending Holyoke Community College.

Diana Hardina, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Hardina, 124 Anthony St., Agawam. Miss Hardina will be attending No. Adams State College, No. Adams, Mass.

Susan Lencour, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Lencour, 710 North West St., Feeding Hills. Miss Lencour will be attending Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield.

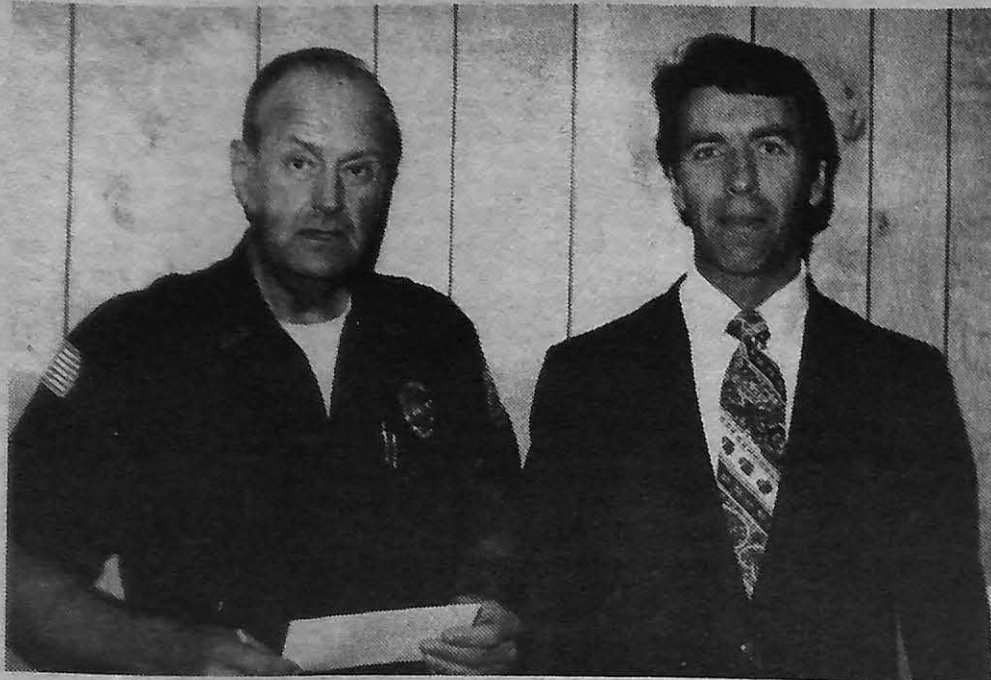
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9:00 GRAND THEFT AUTO
Marion Ross from *Happy Days* (PG-1:29)
10:30 WHERE'S POPPA?
Trish Van Devere as a sexy nurse (R-1:27)
12:00 KINGDOM OF THE SPIDERS
Horror tale (PG-1:35)

Tues. June 13

6:00 ROSELAND
Lilia Skala brilliant in an unforgettable role (PG-1:43)
8:00 THE STING
Paul Newman, Robert Redford (PG-2:09)
10:30 THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE
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12:00 DAVID BRENNER RETURNS
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Wed. June 14

6:30 GRAND THEFT AUTO
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8:00 SHECKY GREENE
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9:00 ROAD TO SALINA
Rita Hayworth pumps gas and fries eggs (R-1:36)
11:00 ORCA
Will Sampson, Keenan Wynn and Richard Harris in epic sea adventure (PG-1:32)
12:30 SHECKY GREENE
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Thur. June 15

5:30 KING KONG
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11:00 KINGDOM OF THE SPIDERS
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8:00 CROSS OF IRON
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10:00 ROSELAND
Christopher Walken and Lou Jacobi co-star (PG-1:43)
12:00 WHERE'S POPPA?
Poppa's not around, but mama sure is! (R-1:27)

Sat. June 17

3:00 HELEN REDDY
Standing Room Only.
4:00 KING KONG
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6:30 ORCA
Richard Harris (PG-1:32)
8:00 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Perennials can be the saving grace for the working person who wants a flower garden that looks like they spend at least eight hours a day in the garden. Perennials provide a large selection of flower color, form, and foliage for the flower lover. Now, I must tell you that all perennials are not 'perfect' and some are not even worth growing. But the major portion of perennials are easy, attractive, and almost foolproof. All you really need is some information about the particular plant you want to grow and combine it with some imagination and you are in the flower garden business.

For a beautiful spring display of color try Irises and Peonies. Bold clumps of the lance-leaved irises provide a handsome foliage contrast to shrubs or the rounded clumps of peonies and are a great combination for daylilies as well. The bearded irises can offer color for a full month or more. Peonies are handsome plants from the first rose-red April shoots of new growth, through ferny foliage, to the last frost-touched autumn leaf. Don't

worry about those ants you will see on peony buds; they are looking for a drink of sweet juices that lie on the peony bud and nothing else.

For summer color try daylilies, daisies, astilbe and a few others. Daylilies will grow practically anywhere and some types bloom all summer. Remember not to plant daylilies to deep. Some daisies to try would be yellow anemisis, gaillardias, shasta, Stokes aster, and coreopsis. These could be used as a mass planting or as accent against greenery of many kinds.

The too-little-planted astilbe needs to be used much more in flower gardens of all kinds. It will bloom from June to August in light shade or filtered sun. A wonderful ferny-foliaged plant with tall spikey blooms in a wide range of reds, pinks or white. The fluffy clumps require no attention at all and are not bothered by any pest that I know of. Two more dependable

perennials are Hosta (Funkia) and the ever beautiful Delphinium. Try one of the more compact dwarf types of delphinium that does not fall over if not staked. When you grow delphinium, feed heavily to keep them strong and blooming.

To choose the right ferns to grow in your garden, decide what you want them to do for you. The invasive 'bracken' will cover an open sunny patch or an empty bank; the 'sensitive' fern will spread at a rapid rate in light shade. The 'hay-scented' fern will grow to look beautiful under or along a fence and you won't have to worry about mowing grass or clipping there. The 'osmundas' will thrive in a swampy area and the 'polypody' will do wonderfully allowed to creep over logs or rocks in a rock garden. Ferns, in general, prefer acid conditions. If you have found shade to be a problem, almost all ferns will prosper under deciduous trees where many other plants simply won't grow. NEXT WEEK: tips on setting up and planting a rock garden; some uses for your herbs and more. KEEP SMILING! JMC

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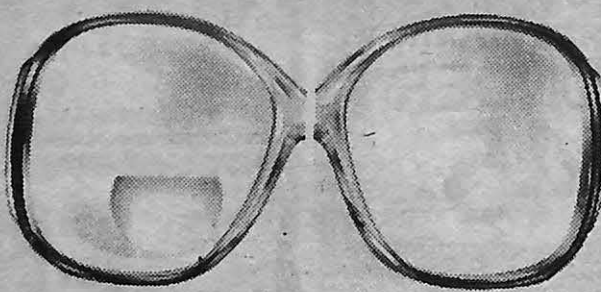
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1976, from hobby to professional status was a quick jump after his first sale. Mr. Larson who has exhibited in many Art & Craft Fairs in the Greater Springfield area and Connecticut, is a member of the

Connecticut Guild of Craftsmen and chairman of the Crafts Advisory Board at Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield. Anyone interested in the Ludlow Grange Arts & Crafts Show may contact: Brian Bitgood 180 Lake Drive, Indian Orchard, Mass.

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Lionnettes Summer Softball Program

At press time the Agawam Lionnettes were prepared to open their summer program as guests of the defending State Champion, Chicopee Suburban Pacers at Szot Park on Monday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. Then on Wednesday, June 14, the Westfield Jr. Whips were scheduled in town to challenge the Lionnettes under the new sodium vapor lights at Borgatti Park at 8:15 p.m. This torrid start may have been rescheduled, however, as each of these teams have a majority of players on varsity teams that earned berths in the Western Mass. Schoolgirl Championship.

Their fifth season with the Pioneer Valley Girls Softball League, the Lionnettes face an exciting season of top-level, 16-18 fast-pitch action. The PVGSL has drawn 12 teams covering a 400 square mile area. Each of these teams, an all-star team in their own right, is registered with the Amateur Softball Association of America to compete, not only for their Conference titles, but opportunities at State, New

England and National levels.

As a special highlight this year, the Lionnettes were invited to participate in the Poughkeepsie Invitational Tournament by the New York State ASA Commissioner. This invitation came as a direct result of last year's third place finish in the Mass. State Senior Division Championship and their receipt of the State Sportsmanship Award.

Asked to evaluate this year's team, Bill Meissner, coach, said, "the Lionnettes are a competitive team and each year their deter-

mination and pride carry them to a higher level. Seven players are returning from last year's team -- the PVGSL Nationb Conference Champions, and six players are advancing from the VFW Post 1632 team -- last years State Junior Division Champions. Ten of those thirteen have played a full season on this year's varsity team that qualified to play in the Western Mass. Championship."

Meissner continued, "they know that to become eligible for the Nationals, they must first win the State and New England Regionals. But,

with incredible determination and confidence, they are already making plans for the trip to San Antonio, Texas in August -- and why not? Karen Tyburski is widely acknowledged as the best fastball pitcher in Western Mass. Alternating with Karen are Patty Morisset, a southpaw who throws fastballs that break in every direction and varsity starter Joanne Hart who has a 6-1 record to date."

Around the field, top-rated senior Wendy Ober will share the cage duties with Lisa Fern who is determined

June 12	Szot Park	6:00 p.m.
14	Borgatti No. 1	6:15 p.m.
19	Borgatti o. 1	8:15
21	Hubbard No. 3	6:15
26	Borgatti No. 1	8:15
28	Borgatti No. 1	8:15
July 1-2	Poughkeepsie	various
3	Turner Park	6:15
5	Borgatti No. 1	8:15
7-9	Mittineague	various
10	Borgatti No. 1	8:15
12	Memorial Park	6:15
14	Beach Grounds	6:15
17	Borgatti No. 1	8:15
19	Westfield H.S.	6:15
24	Mittineague No. 2	6:15
26	Borgatti No. 1	8:15
28-30		various
31	Community	6:15
Aug. 5-6	Borgatti	various
11-15	San Antonio, Tx	various

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to meet the test there. Over at first, Katie Boyle (1,000 fielding average last year) will share with Morisset and Anne Simons. Varsity team captain Barb Landers and Lee Harvey will deep the opponents off second while Fern and Edwyna Stefanik control the short-stop zone. Tyburski and Stefanik will take charge of the work load at third; while out on the grass, Lee-Ann Mercadante on the left, Mickie Korob in center and Lisa Kamyk on the right will take complete command of the acreage, each capable of firing bullets to the plate.

With regard to the offense, Meissner said, "they will need a .400 team batting average and a .500 team on-

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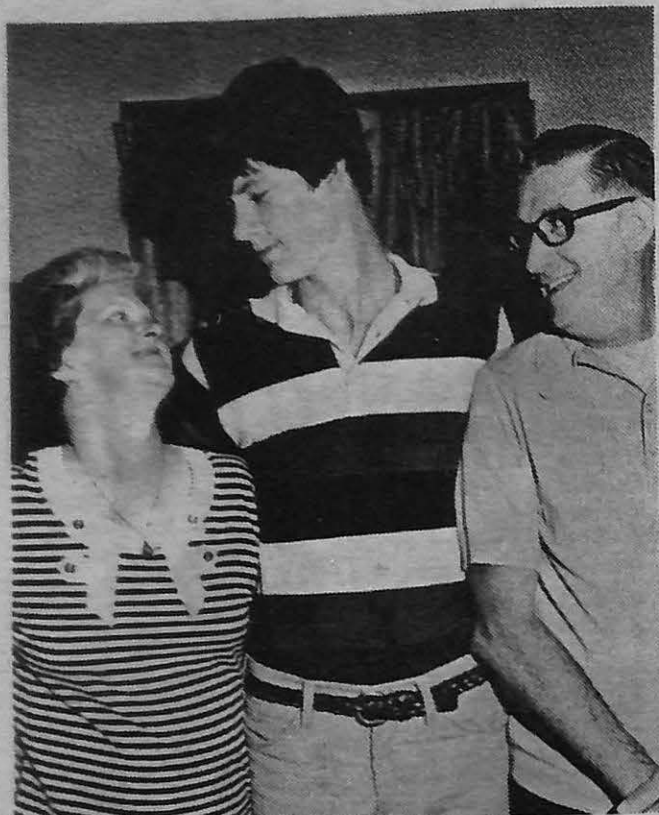
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Brownies Victorious in Quarterfinal Contest

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Mike "Snake" Riley held Taconic's deadly offense to three hits, as Agawam stifled the Braves, 4-0, in the Division I Western Mass. High School quarterfinal game.

Riley boosted his ERA to .032 in 82 and two thirds innings pitched, along with upping his record to 10-1. The "Snake" also only passed three batters with walks.

After walking Brave John Vuilleumot in the first, Riley retired the next nine batters consecutively, before left-fielder Tom Bowler stroked a single to right in the fourth. Bowler's threat fizzled out as Agawam catcher Brian Rheault nailed him attempting to steal second shortly afterwards.

Rheault also made his contribution to the victory on the slugging side, as he scored twice on a triple and two singles. Also showing his skills at the plate was first baseman Tom Harkins, who tallied three singles, boosting his average to a team-leading .361.

In fifth inning action, Taconic's Dan Sheran popped up to Brownie third baseman John Plante, with Riley then yielding two hits to Brave relievers Keith

Lovellette, and Mike Oakley. Riley then silenced the Braves, setting down six straight before giving up a walk. He then went on to stop Taconic striking out the final six hitters.

Taconic, which practically took their opponents by storm during regular season play (18 wins), also took the Berkshire League Norther Division, and went into the Western Mass. Tournament top-seeded.

The victory brought the Brownies to an overall 12-9 record, moving them to the semi-final round against Chicopee Comp (16-5).

For the record, Riley walked three, fanned 12 (which brought his mark to 120), and allowed only three hits. In the 83 innings pitched, he has tallied 120 K's, with 31 hits and 27 walks.

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The Twins also drafted shortstop Lenny Feade out of Florida in the first round before acquiring the "Snake". Riley was their first selection as a pitcher. The Twins, fifth in the American League west, picked two more hurlers in the draft and chose one shortstop to complete the final three rounds in the Tuesday drafting.

Riley's lucky numbers seemed to have been 10 and 42 last Tuesday, as he had 10 wins to his credit at the time, he was the tenth pitcher picked in the national draft, and was the 10th ranked player in the country. His number 42 came up, as he was the 42nd overall player picked throughout the country.

The "Snake" at the time of the draft had a record of 10-1, completing all 11 of the games, while compiling an ERA of .032. He had allowed only 31 hits and 27 walks in 82 and two thirds innings pitched, while fanning a total of 120. This mark includes 16 K's in a seven-inning game twice, while tallying four one-run triumphs.

The Chinese calendar may have designated last year as "The Year of the Snake", but for Agawam High the "Snake" came one year later.

Rosati - Bodine Win Again

by Larry Bouchard and John Shea

For the fourth consecutive week, Geoff Bodine and Tom Rosati occupied the winners circle at Stafford Springs last Friday night.

On the green flag, in the modified main event, 6 cars piled up with John Rosati's car coming to rest on the hood of S. J. Evansior's car. Both Bugs Stevens and Ron Bouchard were involved in the mishap and had to return to the pit for repairs. On the eighth lap the yellow flag interrupted the race when Bones Stevens and Billy Knite were involved in an accident. When the green light was turned on Bodine moved into first place and took the checkered flag. Behind Bodine rounding out the field was Leo Cleary, Bob Polverari, Ed Flemke and Brian Ross.

In the Sportsman division Agawam's Tom Rosati continued his winning ways by showing some fine driving skills. This win, Tom's fourth in as many starts, showed the racing fans that last years championship was no accident. Taking second place honors was Gary Stevens followed by Rick Knapp and Wayne Dion.

See you at the races.

Brownies Seeded 6th in Softball Tourney by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Western Mass. girls' softball tournament committee met last Monday at the Amherst Regional High School to determine and select the seeded field for the four-round classic which started last Friday.

Amherst Regional (19-1) was awarded the top-seed in the event, which contains an 18 team field of competitors. Amherst won the No. 1 seed position over twenty-seven teams that had applied for the post-season play opportunity.

The Agawam High softball team earned a sixth-seeded position over Smith Academy (11-3), with their excellent overall record of 14-6. The Brownies shared the Valley Wheel championship this season with Ludlow (13-7), and Minnechaug Regional (11-5).

The round of 16 results, in which Agawam was pitted against Mohawk, were not known at press time.

Principal John Skarzynski of Smith Academy headed the selection committee, along with Mark Brazeau of St. Joseph's, Pittsfield; Mary Hill of Chicopee Comp, Ronalt Tatro of Northampton, Charles Abramson of Amherst Regional, Betty Lawson of Amherst, Nancy Darch of Longmeadow, and Henry Zukowski of Lee.

Agawam, along with Westfield (15-4), is considered to have one of the better chances of unseeding Chicopee Comp as the Western Mass. champion, who finished the season at 13-6.

Agawam faced Mohawk, 13-4, who was last year's regional runnerup, ahead of Smith Academy and Athol.

All league champions, along with second place teams, and squads that had taken 70 per cent of their

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Agawam A.A. Pentathlon



Eight year old Sophie Osentoski of Agawam prepares for Broad Jump event in recent Agawam A.A. track pentathlon. photo by Jack Devine

The competitors in boys age group 8 were Christopher Pisano, Frank Windoloski, and David Allen with Frank Windoloski winning with 14 points.

The competitors in girls age group 8 were Stephanie Bennett, Sophie Osentoski and Janice Harabin with Sophie Osentoski winning with 12 points.

The boys 9 year old competitors were Todd Couture, Jeff Barker and Jay Mustain with Todd Couture the winner with 12 points.

The Competitors in girls age group 9 were Cendy Slate, Joelle Dion and Kelley Bolduc with the winner being Cindy Slate with 10 points.

The age group 10 for boys saw Brian Trombley, Steven Oberle and Mike Barker competing with Brian Trombley the winner with 14 points.

The girls competing in age group 10 were Susan Harpin, Kathleen Nolan and Kim Cascio with Susan Harpin coming up the winner with 14 points.

In the boys age group 11 we had John Albano, Kevin Conner and John Losito competing and the winner was John Losito with 11 points.

Girls age group 11 saw Nanci Albano, Tina O'Keefe and Melissa Copple competing with Tina O'Keefe winning with 11 points.

Gary Couture, Mario Pezzimenti and Kevin Kamyk competed in boys age group 12 with Kevin Kamyk coming up on the winning side capturing 15 points.

Lisa Slaimen, Beth Bailey and Tara Hazan were our competitors in girls age group 12 which produced as the winner with 12 points, Beth Bailey.

In age group 13 for boys we had Gary Nolan, Mike Hazan and Mike Atkinson competing which saw Mike Atkinson declared the winner with 11 points.

The winner of the girls 13 yearage group was Tami Fassnact with 15 points who hadas her competition Diane Vinton and Regino Saracino.

In age group 14 girls the competitors were Susan Poirier, Doreen Sardella and Anne Taupier with Doreen Sardella coming up with the proper number of points, 11, to be declared the winner.

The five events making up the pentathlon competition were a dash, a distance run, a throwing, a long jump and a broad jump or high jump according to age. Three points awarded for first, two for second, one for third and no points if disqualified. The competitor with the greatest total points is declared the winner.

Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

With all the talk around town about Agawam's Mike "Snake" Riley drafting, there has also been questions about how the Minnesota Twins went about to draft him.

Well, first of all, the Atlanta Braves had the first pick in the regular and secondary phases of the summer free agent draft, which for the first time provided compensation to the teams that had lost veterans in the re-entry draft.

The World Champion New York Yankees, for just one example, had three first-round draft choices, as they lost ace pitcher Mike Terrex to Boston and first baseman Ron Blomberg, who went to the Chicago White Sox.

Seven clubs had picked extra choices under the new terms for the teams which had lost veterans in the re-

entry draft. The basic understanding between the team and Players Association calls for the club which signs a veteran with more than six years of playing time must give a high draft coice to the player's former club.

The regular phase, which is mainly for high school and college draftees, began last Tuesday and ended last Thursday of the same week. A field of about 700 players, which includes the secondary phase for the players who were drafted but not signed, ended on that same Thursday.

If the signing club's record was among the bottom half of all finishing teams of the previous year, the choice assigned to the former club is a second-round selection. If the club's record in the agent signing category was in the top half, compensation is the team's first choice, as

in the case of the New York Yankees this year.

Sound simple? Let's just leave it all to the scouts.

By the way, the winners of the Fast-Serve Contest at the Pioneer Valley Raquet Club of Agawam were Matt Corcoran of Palmer, who was clocked at 111 mph, and Melissa Lincoln of Longmeadow at 89 mph. The winners each received a Yamaha fiberglass tennis raquet. Best wishes to the winners and all who participated.

Also speaking about tennis, the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club has two more senior tournaments - the Middle New England 45's, which is slated to be held July 14-16, and the New England 55's, September 8-10. These tourneys were just recently announced, so mark 'em on your calendar.



Could be a home run in this scene from a recent Agawam A.A. 8-10 division game. photo by Jack Devine

Jr. High Baseball

.. by Steve Berard

The Agawam Junior High School baseball team captured the Valley Wheel Championship last week under the coaching of Michael Polanski. This was the fifth year in a row the team has ended up number one, the four previous years under coach Minnutelli. Agawam wrapped up the season with a fine record of 12 wins and 5 losses, finishing ahead of Amherst and Minnechaug. However all did not run that smoothly between the coach Polanski and many members of the Agawam team, two players quit while a few others threatened to do the same, but things settled down

quickly. Agawam's pitchers really sparked the team, with the rotation being Scott Karam, Craig Colcombe, and Dean Molta. These three were stoppers defensively for Agawam, offensively it was Karam again along with Dave Lyne, this pair hit some solid shots during the season. When you talk about hustle you should automatically think of Agawam's Dave Stuart, Dave was the leading base-stealer on the team and wasn't picked off once this season. The Junior High team will have some excellent eighth graders coming up next year, among them are Paul Dizelle a fine

right fielder who did some spot pitching this year, also coming up is Kevin Barnes, a big strong catcher and first baseman. Almost all of the ninth graders on the team this year will try and make the Junior Varsity team at the High school.

Can Agawam make it six years in a row? Well, the prospects look good, a lot has to depend on the new students that will be heading up to the Junior High next year. And what of the students going to the High School? With Agawam's ace Mike Riley gone to the Minnesota Twins it looks like pitchers like Colcombe, Molta, and Karam could definitely strengthen the Agawam pitching staff. Once again good luck to junior high and high school teams in the future.

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

More recreation opportunities may be available as a result of a new Memorandum of Understanding recently signed by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus and Secretary of Defense Harold Brown.

The agreement provides for development and management of natural resources for recreation on military installations through cooperative agreements with Interior's Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service and the State in which an installation is located. The Cooperative Agreements will implement one of the provisions of the Sikes Act Amendments.

The Department of Defense has administrative jurisdiction of 25.4 million acres of Federal lands encompassing 422 military installations in the Continental United States, Hawaii and Alaska.

The new memorandum specifies that it "does not supersede or modify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments on the Conservation and Management of Fish and Wildlife Resources on Military Installations." The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the Interior agency providing technical assistance and program guidance for those resources.

Field & Stream magazine has officially turned over its freshwater record-keeping responsibilities and all accompanying historical data to the International Game Fish Association. Michael J. O'Neill, publisher of Field & Stream, formally transferred custodianship of the records to Elwood K. Harry, president of IGFA, at a press luncheon held March 22, 1978 at the "21" Club in New York City.

Field & Stream began keeping both fresh and saltwater records 68 years



ago. In 1939, the saltwater records system was turned over to IGFA when the task became too great for the magazine to handle alone. IGFA now becomes the international authority on world records for both fresh and saltwater fish.

Vermont wild turkeys did a lot of travelling this past winter. 92 wild turkeys were live trapped in the southwestern part of the state this past winter. Most of these birds were transported elsewhere to start new turkey populations.

Of the 92 trapped, 28 were stocked in Milton, 7 in Addison, 23 in Maine, 15 in West Germany, and 19 were banded and released where they were trapped.

Perhaps the most interesting of this year's turkey transplants was the shipment of 15 birds to West Germany. There are no wild turkeys in Europe.

The Germans hope their newly acquired turkeys will reproduce and survive as well as the Vermont birds did when they were first brought into the Green Mountain State. In 1969 and 1970, 31 wild turkeys were live trapped in southwestern N.Y. and stocked in southwestern Vermont. Now, an estimated six to ten thousands birds roam the southern part of the state.

Vermont's 1978 spring turkey gobbler season yielded 210 birds to hunters. Last fall's season for both sexes of birds showed a 1,043 total.

I will be on an extended fishing trip next week. Plan to fish Northern Vermont, New York and Lake George, plus a few lakes in Vermont. Have hopes of being able to show a few fine catches.

A.A.A. Soccer Team Wins 11 Straight

by Steve Berard

The Agawam Athletic Association boys 13-14 suburban soccer team has won its 11th game in a row after their latest victory over the Chicopee Chargers by the score of 4-0. They started at a slow pace winning only one of their first three games, but they have battled back to take 11 straight and most important of all first place. Their closest pursuer is the St. Catherine team, but they are still in first by a good margin. Agawam's leading scorers are the Big D's, David Duclos, Doug Chevalier, and David Jenks. The three are always making great shots at the opponents net, while Jeff Fuller Agawam's goalie is making great stops at his own end of the field. Of course his fullbacks John Duggan, Tim Guanieri, and Dave Stratton have played super defensively allowing the opposition very few shots

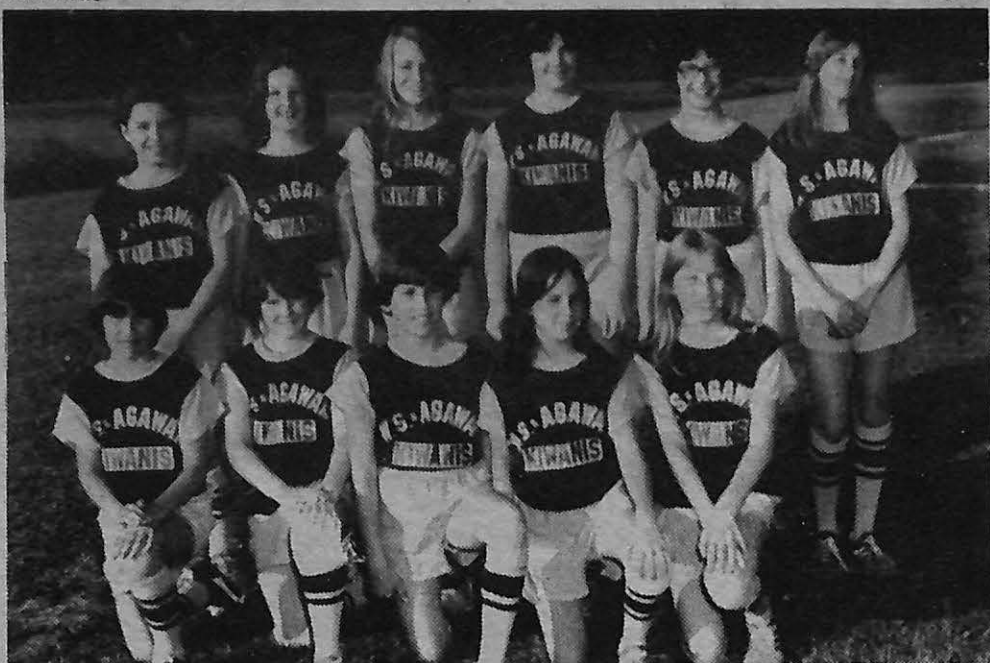
on goal. Agawam has also had some terrific coaching from Billy O'Brien and Dave Stratton who is the soccer coach at Classical High School. Agawam has seven more games to play and hope to top off the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, let's hope they keep the Streak going.

A's Take Lead in S.H. Baseball

by Steve Berard

It looked like it was going to be a deadlock for first place between the Athletics and the Royals after the 1st round in the Sacred Heart 13-15 boys baseball league. But it wasn't so, the A's were 5-1 after the first round with the Royals having to beat the Braves to tie. In the game against the Braves, the Royals were leading 3 to 1 going into the bottom of the last inning when the Braves exploded for three runs and the come from behind victory. The first place Athletics, coached by Al Fenney and Bob Fisher, only setback came at the hands of the Royals when Kenny Peck pitched a great ballgame. Peck baffled the A's players with his slow curve, while Tommy Albano kept the Royals guessing with his fine assortment of pitches. The A's center fielder Dave Ritter found the solution to Peck's curve in the third inning when he lasted a two-run homer to tie the game, but the Royals put the game out of reach when Timmy Desmond got a hold of Albano's fastball and hit a solid three-run homerun. These two clubs will have to play tough during the 2nd round to keep their fine records, teams like the Pirates, Dodgers, Yanks, and Braves might just come around and knock them out of there spot in the standings.

A BASEBALL NOTE: There will be a benefit baseball game played at the Sacred Heart 13-15 field on Sunday June 25. The coaches of the 13-15 boys baseball will play the Agawam Junior Women's Club, with the money collected going to the Jimmy Fund. The game will start at 4:00 with free admission. There will also be raffle tickets sold and the refreshment stand will be open. So go on over and support your favorite team, either way you will be helping the Jimmy Fund.



The Agawam AA 10-12 girls softball team sponsored by the Kiwanis Club are pictured at a recent game. They are from left to right, front row: Leah Negurecci, Cathy Sheehan, Carolyn Rosner, Abby Sheehan, and Judi Bredon. Back row, same order: Jennifer O'Brien, Karen Albano, Debbie Rosner, Debbie Towaug, Jodi Dennis, and Donna Moccio. photo by Jack Devine

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base average to go the distance - I think they can do that, but they will have to work hard. Batting assistant Sid Harvey has been helping them develop a big bagfull of tricks and defensive assistant Bob Mercadante will be pushing them to get extra bases from first. The power hitting was developed well on the varsity team and further improvement is expected."

Asked if there were any problems that he anticipated, Meissner replied, "yes - a very big problem. These kids might possibly get their act together and do as they say they will. If they win the regionals, the team will be faced with raising at least \$8000 to go to San Antonio and will have only two weeks. More than half of the girls are going to college this fall and are now working what ever jobs they can get to help with those costs. A number of their families are already over-burdened with other children in college, and we certainly can't wash 8000 cars in two weeks. We are planning fund-raisers now, but that money is needed for the other tournaments."

It takes little imagination to visualize the catastrophic affect that will result if these

girls, at the pinnacle of their athletic careers, earn the right and are then not able to represent New England at the Nationals.

Meissner, who also presides over the PVGSL, offered as a concluding note, "the record books will show that a PVGSL Senior Division Team has qualified and played in the Nationals the last three consecutive years. Two years ago, West Springfield finished sixth out of 43 teams at Memphis, Tenn. In 1977, the ASA registered 13,000 Youth teams, over 9,000 of those teams were girls in two age divisions."

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games were eligible for the tournament. The first round games were played at the sights of the higher seed.

The state championships don't get under way until June 21, with the Central Mass. champion playing at the Western Mass. champion's field, and the Eastern Mass. north survivor battling the Eastern Mass. South victor.

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